



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

IDENTIFYING AND SURVIVING HIDDEN WEAPONS JULY 9, 2015 0800-1700

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida and the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College are pleased to announce that the Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program will conduct a one day class on Identifying and Surviving Hidden Weapons. The training is being held at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center. There are no fees or costs to attend the training.

This tuition-free eight-hour course is designed to identify concealment areas in household items, internet purchased items, altered devices, and specially designed armaments all made with criminal intent to conceal dangerous weapons. The class will discuss where and how criminals and gang members obtain items which can conceal dangerous weapons, demonstrate methodical search techniques to uncover all manner of concealed items containing dangerous weapons, and emphasize refocusing officer safety skills and using tactical advantage procedures. This course is highly interactive with several live demonstrations showing proactive officer safety and search techniques. Real-life videos of officer safety "winnable" situations and learning points will engage student interaction as a very powerful learning tool. Numerous depictions are shown and discussed related to hundreds of different types of concealed dangerous weapons.

When and Where:

The training event will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2015, hosted by the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center, 3200 – 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, room 103. Dress is business casual.

For questions or additional information, please contact St. Petersburg College PSN Training Coordinator Gail Walker at 727-344-8020 or by e-mail at walker.gail@spcollege.edu.

Time: 0800 to 1700

To register please visit the RCPI website: <http://cop.spcollege.edu/cop/Registration.htm> or link to: <http://web.spcollege.edu/survey/18558>.

⇒ **Instructor Information**



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Captain Steve Johnson is recently retired from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department where he has served since 1989. During his career Captain Johnson supervised the Criminal Investigation Section, the Drug Tactical Unit, Street Crimes Unit, Special Response Team (SWAT), Warrant Section, Evidence Section, DEA and Auto Theft Taskforce Agents, and Courthouse Security. He spent the last 14 years as the Supervising Investigator specializing in Violent Felonies and Computer-Based Crimes and as a Supervisor of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis. Steve has been the on scene Tactical and Administrative Commander in scenarios including barricaded murder suspects, hostages, suicide by cop, jail disturbances, and large civilian protests. He also excelled as a Drug Interdiction Officer and in undercover assignments. Mr. Johnson currently serves as a Special Operations Coordinator with the St. Clair County State Attorney's Office.

Decorated with over 35 Awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement, Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the FBI's prestigious National Academy (224th Session) and graduated from the 200 hour Police Training Board certified course on Command Leadership. He also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University and earned his Master of Arts Degree in Computer Resources and Information Management Specializing in Personnel Management.

Captain Johnson is the creator of the course "Surviving Hidden Weapons" which he instructs through the Department of Homeland Security's FLETC-SLLETS. He is an Instructor with LifeLine Training, Mobile Training Unit #14, and Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, an Adjunct Professor for Southwestern Illinois College and Lindenwood University training curriculum related to Intro to Administration of Justice, Criminology, Criminalistics, Crime Scene Investigations, Cybercrime and Criminal Investigations. He is also an instructor for St. Petersburg College's Center for Public Safety Innovation. Captain Johnson also teaches courses in Responding to Active Shooters, Basic and Master Level Instructor Development, Leadership and Management, Field Tactics, Tactical Planning, Workplace and School Violence, Threat Assessment and Safety Planning.

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